Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

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1.		All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.									
2.								unit's unreserved fund bal budget for expenditures.	ances/unres	stricted net assets	
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7.			The local	unit has r	ot been deling	uent in dis	tributing tax	revenues that were collect	ted for anoth	ner taxing unit.	
8.			The local	unit only l	nolds deposits	/investmen	ts that comp	ly with statutory requireme	ents.		
9.			The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the <i>Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan</i> , as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).						I in the <i>Bulletin for</i>		
10. There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that he not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.											
11.			The local	unit is fre	e of repeated of	comments	from previou	s years.			
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If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.											
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TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

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Arlene Grau LuAnn Koch Patrick Merkel David Solo Michael Williams

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S

Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C.

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS

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August 6, 2007

Board of Trustees Township of Sylvan 18027 Old US 12 Chelsea, Michigan 48118

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Sylvan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Township of Sylvan's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Sylvan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Sylvan as of March 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and other required supplementary information on pages 6 through 9 and 30 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Sylvan's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information, such as the combining statements and individual fund statements, have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka, P.C.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION
AND
ANALYSIS

Management Discussion and Analysis March 31, 2007

Within this section of the Township of Sylvan's annual financial report, the Township's management is providing a narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Township for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. This narrative discusses and analyzes the activity within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. The discussion focuses on the Township's primary government and, unless otherwise noted, component units reported separately from the primary government are not included.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Township's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The Township also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Township's annual reports include two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Township's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of these government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Assets. This is the Township-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all the Township's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Township as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the Township may extend to various nonfinancial factors as well.

The second government-wide statement is the Statement of Activities which reports how the Township's net assets changed during the current fiscal year. The design of this statement is to show the financial reliance of the Township's distinct activities or functions on the revenues generated by the Township.

Governmental activities include such activities as general government, public safety, and planning and zoning departments. Fiduciary activities such as tax collection are not included in the government-wide statements since these assets are not available to fund Township programs.

The Township's financial reporting includes all the funds of the Township (primary government) and, additionally, organizations for which the Township is accountable (component units).

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Township uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the Township's most significant funds rather than the Township as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for non-major funds is provided in the combining statements later in this report.

The Township has two kinds of funds:

Governmental funds are reported in the financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements except with a different focus on the financial activity. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of these resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term. Since the focus of the government-wide financial statements includes a long-term view, a reconciliation of these fund balances has been completed to detail it's relation to net assets.

Fiduciary funds are reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements, but are excluded from the government-wide statements. Fiduciary fund financial statements report resources that are not available to fund Township activities.

Notes to the financial statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information. Other supplementary information includes detail by fund for receivables, payables, transfers, and payments within the reporting entity.

Major funds are reported in the basic financial statements as discussed. Combining and individual statements and schedules for non-major funds are presented in a subsequent section of this report.

Financial Analysis of the Township as a Whole

The Township's net assets at the end of the fiscal year were a deficit of \$2,484,665. This is a substantial increase over last year's net assets deficit of \$3,310,034 primarily due to the completion of the construction of the water and sewer construction.

The following tables provide a summary of the Township's financial activities and changes in net assets:

Summary of Net Assets

	3/31/2007	3/31/2006
Current and other assets Capital assets	\$ 10,036,456 868,392	\$ 9,839,744 887,517
Total assets	10,904,848	10,727,261
Accounts payable and other current liabilities Contracts payable	319,703 13,069,810	322,988 13,714,310
Total liabilities	13,389,513	14,037,298
Net assets: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	868,392	887,517
Unrestricted (deficit)	(3,353,057)	(4,197,551)
Total net assets (deficit)	\$ (2,484,665)	\$ (3,310,034)

Summary of Changes in Net Assets

Revenues: Program revenues Charges for services \$ 116,242 \$ 153,301 Operating contributions 1,107,649 1,076,000 General revenues State shared revenue 185,991 187,670 Property taxes 182,403 172,385 Interest income - cash and equivalents 53,697 19,703 Interest income - special assessments 422,595 563,473 Franchise fees 15,071 12,823 Other income 17,773 37,727
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Other income
Total revenues 2,101,421 2,223,082
Expenses
General government 391,316 365,014
Fire protection 247,563 141,061
Public works 38,104 1,663,130
Interest on long-term debt 599,069 616,563
Total expenses
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Changes in net assets 825,369 (562,686)
Beginning net assets (3,310,034) 12,354,401
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Prior period adjustment (15,101,749)
(10,101,110)
Ending net assets (deficit) \$\(\(\frac{\\$}{2}\),484,665\) \$\(\(\frac{\\$}{3}\),310,034\)

Financial Analysis of the Township's Funds (Modified accrual basis)

The Township of Sylvan reported two major funds for the year ended March 31, 2007. These funds included:

- General Fund
- Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund

The General Fund decreased its fund balance by \$133,608. The decrease in fund balance is caused by legal fees, Planning Commission, planning consultant, engineers, and accounting fees.

The Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund had revenues over expenditures totaling \$797,687 to increase its fund balance to \$2,755,573 at March 31, 2007. The Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority is responsible for managing and maintaining these assets and should record these capital assets, not the Township.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Township approved a budget prior to the start of the fiscal year, and made immaterial amendments to bring it closes to fiscal reality. One major amendment was to account for increase professional fees incurred.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

The Township did not acquire any capital assets during the year. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$19,125 and was assigned to the general government activity in the Statement of Activities. The capital assets previously reported by the Township related to the water and sewer system activities have been removed and placed on the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority's financial statements.

The Township issued no additional debt, but did reduce the contracts payable by \$648,500. Total amount of debt obligations were \$13,065,810 as of March 31, 2007.

Economic Conditions and Future Activities

The Township has \$12,997,810 contracts payable to Washtenaw County for its portion of the construction of the utility systems operated by the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority as March 31, 2007. However, the Township only had \$9,151,878 of cash and special assessment assets to meet these future obligations. This debt was incurred under the premise that new users would be forthcoming to pay connection fees to remedy this gap between assets and liabilities. Projections of the debt service show a possible cash flow deficit if new users are not added to the system or current users aren't re-assessed.

Contacting the Township's Financial Management

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the Township's financial position and comply with finance-related regulations. If you have any further questions about this report or request additional information please contact the Township of Sylvan at 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE

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STATEMENTS

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2007

	Primary Government
AGOSTO	Governmental Activities
<u>ASSETS</u>	
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Receivables Taxes	\$ 2,683,987 10,272
State shared revenues Special assessments Accounts	30,536 6,647,242 98,905
Authority Bond discount - net of amortization Capital assets - net of depreciation Due from other funds	448,761 105,263 868,392 11,490
Total assets	10,904,848
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
LIABILITIES Accounts payable/accrued expenses Deposits	264,003 55,700
Contracts payable Current Non-current	748,500 12,321,310
Total liabilities	13,389,513
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)	
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) Investment in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted (deficit)	868,392 (3,353,057)
Total net assets (deficit)	\$ (2,484,665)

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

		Programs Revenues				
		Charges for	Operating			
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Total		
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES						
General government	\$ (391,316)	\$ 116,242	\$	\$ (275,074)		
Fire protection	(247,563)			(247,563)		
Public works	(38,104)		1,107,649	1,069,545		
Interest on long-term debt	(599,069)			(599,069)		
Total governmental activities	\$ (1,276,052)	\$ 116,242	\$ 1,107,649	(52,161)		
	General revenues					
	Property taxes			182,403		
	State shared rev	enues		185,991		
	Interest income -	cash and equivale	ents	53,697		
	Interest income -	special assessme	ents	422,595		
	Rental income			10,300		
	Franchise fees			15,071		
	Other income			7,473		
	877,530					
	825,369					
	(3,310,034)					
Net assets (deficit), March 31, 2007						

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MARCH 31, 2007

ASSETS	General	Water and Sewer Debt Service	Total
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ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Receivables	\$ 381,184	\$ 2,302,803	\$ 2,683,987
Taxes State shared revenues Special assessments	10,272 30,536	6,647,242	10,272 30,536 6,647,242
Utility Authority Accounts	98,905	448,761	448,761 98,905
Due from other funds	11,810		11,810
Total assets	\$ 532,707	\$ 9,398,806	\$ 9,931,513
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 15,146	\$	\$ 15,146
Payroll taxes payable	2,248	•	2,248
Accrued interest payable	,	245,894	245,894
Due to other funds		320	320
Due to others		715	715
Deposits - escrow	55,700		55,700
Deferred revenues		6,396,304	6,396,304
Total liabilities	73,094	6,643,233	6,716,327
FUND BALANCE			
Reserved for debt service		2,755,573	2,755,573
Unreserved	459,613		459,613
Total fund balance	459,613	2,755,573	3,215,186
Total liabilities fund balance	\$ 532,707	\$ 9,398,806	\$ 9,931,513

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2007

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Total fund balance per balance sheet		\$ 3,215,186
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds. Historical cost Depreciation	\$ 1,079,513 (211,121)	
Capital assets net of depreciation		868,392
Bond discount is reported as a financing uses in the governmental funds, but are amortized over the life of the bonds in the government - wide statements. Bond discount Accumulated amortization	125,000 (19,737)	
Total		105,263
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These include: Contracts payable		(13,069,810)
Deferred revenues on special assessments was recognized as revenue in the government-wide statements. Assessments are income as they are assessed.		6,396,304
Net assets of governmental activities		\$ (2,484,665)

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	G	eneral	Water and Sewer Debt Service		Total
REVENUES		Cilciai	<u> </u>		Total
Taxes	\$	182,403	\$	\$	182,403
Special assessment - principal	·	,	457,506	·	457,506
Special assessment - interest			422,595		422,595
Connection fees			1,107,649		1,107,649
State shared revenues		185,991			185,991
Franchise fees		15,071			15,071
Rental income		10,300			10,300
Charges for services		116,242			116,242
Interest		7,146	46,551		53,697
Miscellaneous		7,097	376		7,473
Total revenues		524,250	2,034,677		2,558,927
EXPENDITURES					
General government		372,191			372,191
Fire protection		247,563			247,563
Public works		38,104			38,104
Debt service - principal			644,500		644,500
Debt service - interest			592,490		592,490
Total expenditures		657,858	1,236,990		1,894,848
Net changes in fund balances		(133,608)	797,687		664,079
FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1, 2006		593,221	1,957,886		2,551,107
FUND BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2007	\$	459,613	\$ 2,755,573	\$	3,215,186

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 664,079
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets are allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense. The amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation is as follows: Depreciation expense	(19,125)
Depreciation expense	(19,123)
Bond discount is an expenditure in the first year for the governmental funds, but are amortized over the life of the loan in the governmental-wide statements Amortization expense	(6,579)
Repayment of contracts payable is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayment of contracts payable	644,500
Principal received on special assessments are income as they are levied annually for governmental funds, but they are income when they are levied for the Statement of Activities.	
Principal collected on assessments	 (457,506)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$ 825,369

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN FIDUCIARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 2007

	Trust and _Agency Fund_		Current Tax Fund		Totals	
ASSET Cash Due from other funds Due from others	\$	22,052 140	\$	3,530 320 7,996	\$	25,582 460 7,996
Total assets	\$	22,192	\$	11,846	\$	34,038
LIABILITIES Due to others Due to other funds	\$	22,087 105	\$	11,846	\$	22,087 11,951
Total liabilities	\$	22,192	\$	11,846	\$	34,038

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STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Township of Sylvan conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Township of Sylvan is a general law Township located in Washtenaw County in Southeastern Michigan. The Township of Sylvan's Board of Trustees are comprised of a five-member elected board.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34 - Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments, the basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities) report on the Township as a whole, excluding fiduciary activities. Governmental fund types are reported in the government-wide financial statements using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, which includes long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The government-wide financial statements focus more on the sustainability of the Township as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Generally, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

The government-wide Statement of Net Assets reports all financial and capital resources of the Township (excluding fiduciary funds). It is displayed in a format of assets less liabilities equals net assets, with the assets and liabilities shown in order of their relative liquidity. Net assets are required to be displayed in three components: 1) invested in capital assets 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt is capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Restricted net assets are those with constraints placed on their use by either: 1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws, or regulations of other governments, or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All net assets not otherwise classified as restricted, are shown as unrestricted. Generally, the Township would first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

The government-wide Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which both direct and indirect expenses of the various functions and programs of the Township are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or identifiable activity. Indirect expenses for administrative overhead are allocated among the functions and activities using a full cost allocation approach and are presented separately to enhance comparability of direct expense between governments that allocate direct expenses and those that do not. Interest on general long-term debt is not allocated to the various functions. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or users who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a particular function or program and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or program. Taxes, unrestricted investment income and other revenues not identifiable with particular functions or programs are included as general revenues. The general revenues support the net costs of the functions and programs not covered by program revenues.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Also, part of the basic financial statements are fund financial statements for the governmental funds. The focus of the fund financial statements is on major funds, as defined by GASB Statement No. 34. Although this reporting model sets forth minimum criteria for determination of major funds (a percentage of assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of fund category and of the governmental funds combined), it also gives governments the option of displaying other funds as major funds. Other non-major funds are combined in a single column on the fund financial statements.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund accounts for the activities surrounding the Township's participation in the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority. This activity is funded by assessments/connection fees to pay the related debt service.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on a modified accrual basis of accounting. To conform to the modified accrual basis of accounting, certain modifications must be made to the accrual method. These modifications are outlined below:

- A. Revenue is recorded when it becomes both measurable and available (received within 60 days after year-end). Revenue considered susceptible to accrual includes: property taxes, sales and use taxes, licenses, fees and permits, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services and interest.
- B. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due or when amounts have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payments to be made early in the following year.
- C. Disbursements for the purchase of capital assets providing future benefits are considered expenditures. Bond proceeds are reported as another financing source.

With this measurement focus, operating statements present increases and decreases in net current assets and unreserved fund balances as a measure of available spendable resources.

This is the traditional basis of accounting for governmental funds and also is the manner in which these funds are normally budgeted. This presentation is deemed most appropriate to: 1) demonstrate legal and covenant compliance, 2) demonstrate the sources and uses of liquid resources, and 3) demonstrate how the Township's actual revenues and expenditures conform to the annual budget. Since the governmental funds financial statements are presented on a different basis than the governmental activities column of the government-wide financial statements, reconciliation is provided immediately following each fund statement. These reconciliations briefly explain the adjustments necessary to transform the fund financial statements into the governmental activities column of the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the Township in a trustee or agency capacity on behalf of others and, therefore, are not available to support Township programs. The reporting focus is upon net assets and changes in net assets and employs accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements as they are not an asset of the Township available to support Township programs.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

D. BUDGETARY DATA

The board of trustees follows the procedures as outlined in the Uniform Budgeting Manual for Local Units of Government in Michigan in the establishment of the various annual budgets.

The supervisor prepares the annual budgets through information received by the clerk. The proposed budget is then submitted for discussion and approval by the entire Township board. The budget is approved by activity. If and when it becomes necessary to amend certain amounts in the budget, a proposal outlining the desired changes is made to and approved by the Township board at any of their regular meetings.

Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations for several activities.

E. CAPITAL ASSETS

Under GASB Statement No. 34, all capital assets whether owned by governmental activities or business-type activities, are recorded and depreciated in the government-wide financial statements. No long-term capital assets or depreciation are shown in the governmental funds financial statements.

Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Land is considered a capital asset regardless of initial cost. Capital assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings, structures and improvements 10 to 50 years Machinery and equipment 5 to 40 years

Any capital assets transferred between funds are transferred at their net book value (cost less accumulated depreciation), as of the date of the transfer.

F. MANAGEMENT ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Township. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Township considers its deposits and restricted deposits and investments held with maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

I. INCOME TAXES

As a governmental agency, the Township is exempt from both federal income taxes and Michigan Single Business Tax.

J. BOND DISCOUNT

Bond discounts are amortized over the life of the loan on the government-wide statements, and recorded as financing uses in the year incurred.

K. PROPERTY TAXES

The Township property tax is levied each December 1 on the taxable valuation of property located in the township as of the preceding December 31. Taxable values are established annually by the county and are equalized by the state. Real and personal property in the township for the 2006 levy was assessed at an adjusted taxable value of \$ 190,964,718. Taxes are due and payable by February 28. Delinquent real property taxes are returned to the County Treasurer for collection. The Township levied .9474 mills for 2006.

NOTE 2 - DESCRIPTION OF REPORTING ENTITY

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement number 39 all funds, agencies, and activities of the Township of Sylvan as the primary government have been included in the financial statements.

NOTE 3 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

All interfund balances are short-term in character. Interfund balances are expected to be collected during the next reporting period. Amounts due at March 31, 2007 include:

	==	nterfund eceivable	 Interfund Payable		
General Fund	\$	11,810	\$		
Current Tax Collection Fund		320	11,845		
Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund			320		
Trust and Agency Fund		140	 105		
Totals	\$	12,270	\$ 12,270		

During the year ended March 31, 2007 there was no interfund transfers made.

NOTE 4 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN

The Township provides pension benefits to all of its employees through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. Employees may make voluntary contributions up to the lesser of \$7,500 or 33.3 percent of the employee's includable compensation. The Township has committed to and is currently making contributions totaling 7.65 percent of includable compensation. Full vesting takes place immediately for all contributions and related account earnings. The Township contributed \$4,696 during the year, and employees contributed \$8,013.

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The investment policy adopted by the board is in accordance with Act 196 PA 1997. The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3 risk disclosures for the Township's cash deposits are as follows:

<u>Deposits</u>	Primary Government	Fiduciary Funds	Total	Bank Balance
Insured Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 100,000 2,583,987	\$ 25,582	\$ 100,000 2,609,569	\$ 100,000 2,684,092
Total deposits	\$ 2,683,987	\$ 25,582	\$ 2,709,569	\$ 2,784,092

NOTE 6 - CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets is as follows:

	Balance 4/1/06	Additions Deletions		Balance 3/31/07		
Land Buildings and improvements Office funiture and equipment	\$ 256,405 764,985 58,123	\$		\$	\$	256,405 764,985 58,123
Total cost	1,079,513					1,079,513
Accumulated depreciation	 (191,996)		(19,125)			(211,121)
Total net book value	\$ 887,517	\$	(19,125)	\$	\$	868,392

There was no debt outstanding for these capital assets at March 31, 2007. All depreciation is included in the general government expense in the Statement of Activities. Previously, the Township had recorded the capital asset of the sewer system operated by the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority. A prior period adjustment was made to record the capital assets onto the books of the Authority.

NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the Township's long-term debt for the year ended March 31, 2007:

Contracts Payable	Balance 4/1/06	Additions	 Deletions	_	Balance B/31/07	_	ue within one year
City of Chelsea	\$ 72,000	\$	\$ 4,000	\$	68,000	\$	4,000
Washtenaw County Project #3140	11,300,000		400,000	1	0,900,000		500,000
Washtenaw County Project #3240	2,342,310		244,500		2,097,810		244,500
	\$ 13,714,310	\$	\$ 648,500	\$ 1	3,065,810	\$	748,500

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NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM DEBT - continued

The contracts include:

- 1. Contract payable to the City of Chelsea to pay 6.75 percent of certain future costs that the City may incur in connection with the monitoring and remediation of the City's closed landfill site. The Township will continue to pay approximately \$4,000 a year until the project's estimated completion in 2024.
- 2. Contract payable to Washtenaw County for project #3140 related to the construction of the water distribution system. The loan requires semi-annual interest payments with an interest rate ranging from 3.75% and 6.75% and annual principal payments of \$400,000 to \$900,000 until its maturity in 2023.
- 3. Contract payable to Washtenaw County for project #3240 related to the construction of the sewage treatment lines. The loan requires semi-annual interest payments with an interest rate of 4.85% and annual principal payments of \$110,025 to \$244,500 until its maturity in 2023.

The following is a schedule of principal and interest payments to service the long-term debt of the Township:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total	
3/31/2008	\$ 748,500	\$ 577,717	\$ 1,326,217	
3/31/2009	748,500	551,918	1,300,418	
3/31/2010	650,700	519,474	1,170,174	
3/31/2011	750,700	483,764	1,234,464	
3/31/2012	709,135	452,691	1,161,826	
4/01/2012 to 3/31/2017	3,870,125	1,784,078	5,654,203	
4/01/2017 to 3/31/2022	4,570,125	803,765	5,373,890	
4/01/2022 to 3/31/2024	1,018,025	23,782	1,041,807	
Total	\$ 13,065,810	\$ 5,197,189	\$ 18,262,999	

NOTE 8 - CONTINGENCIES

The Township is involved in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, such matters will not have a material effect upon the financial position of the Township.

NOTE 9 - PROJECT UNCERTAINTIES

The Township has entered into agreements with Washtenaw County in which the county sold bonds for approximately \$15 million on behalf of the Township to finance the construction of a sewer/water system improvements and lines. The bonds are payable over 20 years.

The Township has special assessments totaling \$6,647,242 yet to be collected while the total debt related to these projects is \$12,997,810 as of March 31, 2007. The Township believed there would be enough new utility customers to pay for the difference. However, the new customers are not forthcoming as originally planned. Recent projections of the debt service fund show possible cash flow deficits over the life of the debt obligation

The Township is considering various options to remedy the above problem.

NOTE 10 - JOINT VENTURES

The Township is a member of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority, which provides water and sewer services to the residents of Sylvan Township, Lima Township and Lyndon Township. The board of the Authority consists of three representatives from Sylvan Township and one representative each from Lyndon and Lima Townships. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause an additional benefit or burden to the participating governments in the near future. Complete financial statements for the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority can be obtained from the administrative offices at 18027 West Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

The Township is a member of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, which provides services to residents of Sylvan Township, Lima Township, Lyndon Township, Waterloo Township and the City of Chelsea. The participating communities provide annual funding for its operations. During the current year the Township contributed \$247,563 for its operations. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause an additional benefit or burden to the participating governments in the near future. Complete financial statements for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority can be obtained from the administrative offices at 200 West Middle, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

The Township is a member of the Chelsea Area Construction Agency, (the "Agency"), which serves Sylvan Township, Lima Township, Lyndon Township, Sharon Township, Dexter Township and the City of Chelsea. The Chelsea Area Construction Agency provides construction application services for the residents of these communities. The Agency is self-supporting. The Township does not receive any revenue from the Agency's results of operations. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause an additional benefit or burden to the participating governments in the near future. Complete financial statements for the Agency can be obtained from the administrative offices at 18027 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

The Township is a member of the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (the "Recycling Authority"), which serves Sylvan Township and other local municipalities. The Recycling Authority provides recycling services for the residents of these communities. The Township does not receive any revenue from the Recycling Authority's results of operations. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause an additional benefit or burden to the participating governments in the near future. Complete financial statements for the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority can be obtained from the administrative offices at 8025 Werkner Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

Variance

with Final Budget Budget Amount Favorable (Unfavorable) Original Final Actual **REVENUES** \$ \$ Property taxes \$ 179,000 \$ 179,000 182,403 3,403 Franchise fees 10,400 10,400 15.071 4,671 Tax administration fee 71,700 71,700 73,432 1,732 State shared revenue 185,500 185,500 185,991 491 Annexation fees 4,000 4,000 (1,350)2,650 3,938 Right of way fees 5,800 5,800 (1,862)Recycling 577 577 Charges for services 25,000 25,000 40.160 15.160 Interest 2,000 2,000 7,146 5,146 Rental income 10,900 10,900 10,300 (600)Miscellaneous 2,582 2,582 Total revenues 494,300 494,300 29,950 524,250 **EXPENDITURES** 577,345 577,345 657,858 (80,513)Net change in fund balance (83,045)(83,045)(133,608)(50,563)FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1, 2006 593,221 593,221 593,221 FUND BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2007 \$ 510,176 510,176 \$ 459,613 (50,563)

OTHER
SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

G E N E R A L F U N D

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2007

ASSETS

ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	381,184
Receivables			
Taxes			10,272
State shared revenues			30,536
Accounts			98,905
Due from other funds			11,810
Total assets		<u>\$</u>	532,707
	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES	LIABILITIES AND I OND BALANCE		
Accounts payable		\$	15,146
Payroll taxes payable		•	2,248
Deposits - escrow			55,700
•			
Total liabilities			73,094
			4=0.040
FUND BALANCE			459,613
Total liabilities and fund balance		\$	532,707
			

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 179,000	\$ 182,403	\$ 3,403
Franchise fees	10,400	15,071	4,671
Tax administration fee	71,700	73,432	1,732
State shared revenue	185,500	185,991	491
Annexation fees	4,000	2,650	(1,350)
Right of way fees	5,800	3,938	(1,862)
Recycling		577	577
Charges for services	25,000	40,160	15,160
Interest	2,000	7,146	5,146
Rental income	10,900	10,300	(600)
Miscellaneous		2,582	2,582
Total revenues	494,300	524,250	29,950
EXPENDITURES	577,345	657,858	(80,513)
Net change in fund balance	(83,045)	(133,608)	(50,563)
FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1, 2006	593,221	593,221	
FUND BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2007	\$ 510,176	\$ 459,613	\$ (50,563)

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
TRUSTEES				
Salaries	\$ 5,160	\$ 5,160	\$	
SUPERVISOR Salaries	26,800	26,300	500	
ELECTIONS Supplies Assessor		757 3,378		
Total elections	9,000	4,135	4,865	
ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT	25,000	33,323	(8,323)	
ASSESSOR Supplies Contracted services		837 25,950		
Total assessor	26,800	26,787	13_	
LEGAL Legal fees	40,000	87,533	(47,533)	
CLERK Salaries Deputy clerk wages Supplies		24,100 44 4,045		
Total clerk	27,350	28,189	(839)	
BOARD OF REVIEW Salaries	1,500	1,250	250	
TREASURER Salary Deputy treasurer wages Supplies		24,100 143 670		
Total treasurer	25,550	24,913	637	

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	Dudget	A 5451	Variance Favorable
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Supplies		5,179	
Repairs and maintenance		13,882	
Contracted services		8,055	
Telephone		556	
Utilities		7,968	
Miscellaneous		600	
Total building and grounds	43,000	36,240	6,760
UNALLOCATED			
Salaries		3,264	
Supplies		1,437	
Postage		3,733	
Telephone		2,657	
Printing and publishing		2,115	
Education		2,145	
Miscellaneous		5,570	
Payroll taxes		8,162	
Retirement		6,196	
Total unallocated	17,250	35,279	(18,029)
FIRE PROTECTION			
Authority contributions	246,735	247,563	(828)
PLANNING AND ZONING			
Salaries		10,406	
Supplies		9	
Planning consultant		36,158	
Total planning and zoning	23,500	46,573	(23,073)
BOARD OF APPEALS			
Salaries		2,220	
Contracted services		120	
Total board of appeals	5,000	2,340	2,660
ROADS	20,000	17,592	2,408

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TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

SEWER AND WATER PROJECTS Engineering	Budget	Actual 10,316	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) (10,316)
	4.000	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
REFUSE/LANDFILL	4,000	4,118	(118)
RECYCLING	1,700	3,578	(1,878)
TRANSPORTATION	2,500	2,500	
INSURANCE	26,500	14,169	12,331
Total expenditures	\$ 577,345	\$ 657,858	\$ (80,513)

WATER AND SEWER
DEBT SERVICE FUND

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN WATER AND SEWER DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2007

ASSETS

ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 2,302,803
Receivables Special assessments Authority		6,647,242 448,761
Total assets		\$ 9,398,806
	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES Accrued interest payable		\$ 245,894
Due to other funds Due to others		320 715
Deferred revenues	_	6,396,304
Total liabilities		6,643,233
FUND BALANCE	_	2,755,573

\$ 9,398,806

Total liabilities and fund balance

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN WATER AND SEWER DEBT SERVICE FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

REVENUES Connection fees Special assessments - principal Special assessments - interest Interest Miscellaneous	\$ 1,107,649 457,506 422,595 46,551 376
Total revenues	2,034,677
EXPENDITURES Debt service - principal Debt service - interest	644,500 592,490
Total expenditures	1,236,990
Net changes in fund balance	797,687
FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1, 2006	1,957,886
FUND BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2007	\$ 2,755,573

CURRENT TAX

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN CURRENT TAX FUND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 2007

ASSETS

ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Due from other funds Due from others		\$ 3,530 320 7,996
Total assets		\$ 11,846
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
LIABILITIES		

\$ 11,846

Due to other funds

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN TRUST AND AGENCY FUND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 2007

ASSETS

ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Due from other funds	\$ 22,0	52 40
Total assets	\$ 22,1	92_
<u>LIABIL</u> LIABILITIES	<u>ITIES</u>	
Due to others Due to others	\$ 1 22,0	05 87
Total liabilities	\$ 22,1	92

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007



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August 6, 2007

Board of Trustees Township of Sylvan 18027 Old US 12 Chelsea, MI 48118

Honorable Board of Trustees:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Sylvan for the year ended March 31, 2007, we considered the Township's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Those matters are as follows:

1. COMMENT

The special assessments levied to finance the wastewater treatment plant and collection system is considerably less than the outstanding debt owed by the Township to the bondholders.

RECOMMENDATION

The Township should evaluate its ability to fulfill its debt service requirements. This could be accomplished by adding new users or increasing sewer rates.

2. COMMENT

For the year ended March 31, 2007 we found instances where expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations.

RECOMMENDATION

Before an actual expenditure exceeds the appropriated budget, the budget should be amended.

This letter does not affect our report dated August 6, 2007 on the financial statements of the Township of Sylvan.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments and recommendations with various Township personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and management of the Township of Sylvan and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

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